

BODIES FOUND IN HUGE HEAPS

Cherry Miners Retreated to High Point in Third Vein and Died Together.

OVERCOME BY BLACK D.

Indications that All Succumb Within Two Days.

WATER ACCUMULATES IN LEVEL

Members of Rescue Party Waded Through Four Feet of Water.

VAIN FIGHT AGAINST DEATH

One Dead Hand Still Grasps Rope Fan in an Effort to Get Air—Men Had Scrawled Messages on Slate.

CHERRY, Ill., Nov. 24.—Bodies of more than 150 miners were found in the lower level of the St. Paul mine today. An accurate count of the victims has not been made, but it is now believed all but a score of the missing men have been accounted for.

The bodies were found 500 feet from the main shaft, on an elevated surface where they had retreated before the advancing water and fatal black damp. They had not been able to escape the latter and had died after a struggle that may have continued for two days.

Messages scrawled on wood and the natural slate cropping from the walls placed the number of dead at 150 or 165. One message read:

"We are all here to die together."

This is accepted by mine officers as indicating that many men whose escape from the second vein had been cut off by fire had descended to the lowest level and that fewer than a dozen bodies will be found in other sections of the mine.

Boat Used in Rescue.

To take out the bodies a skiff has been brought from the Illinois river, seven miles away, and will be lowered 50 feet to the vein in which the bodies were found. It will be rowed across the four feet depth of water in the vein to the spot where the bodies lay, and they will be transported to the main shaft for removal to the surface.

The exploring party of four, led by Anton Ludvick, was in the gallery for more than an hour before the bodies were found. They had waded in water, waist deep, through the circular tunnel, making their way toward the elevation of the shaft or "ridge," where they had expected to find them, living or dead. The signals given by the rescuers and the usual cry: "Anybody alive in here?" were not answered.

"When we climbed up on the ridge," said the miner, "we almost stepped upon the bodies, piled in heaps. Some had their heads resting on folded arms as if sleeping. Others were lying across each other and some were sitting, as if resting against the wall."

"Nailed to the wall were two fans, made of timbering, tied about pick handles, and under them were the biggest heaps of bodies."

Dead Hand Grasps Fan. "One poor fellow had his hand up holding the fan. I think he died as he was turning it. Another held a bucket. He was flat on his back and must have died as he climbed up on the ridge. The bucket was half filled with black water that he must have gone some distance to get. The black damp killed them long before the water reached them. We had been in the shaft more than an hour, then and though the air was fairly good, we knew it was time for us to get out."

"We did not stop to examine any of the bodies or to try and identify them. Tom Mulligan, one of our party, picked up a piece of natural slate, on which was written: 'We are here together, 158.' That must have meant the number of men, and I think that was about the right number."

"On a wooden box, used to hold tools, I saw written with a lead pencil: 'We are here to die together. Some figures were scrawled under it, and I read it as 150, but I'm not sure."

No evidence that the men had attempted to barricade themselves against the black damp was seen. Many former workers in the mine protested angrily after they discovered the men that they would have been safe from the deadly gas had not the ventilating fan of the mine been reversed shortly after the discovery of fire.

The announced intention of the mine officials to pump out the water in the lower level before the arrival of the skiff was balked by the refusal of the machinists to aid them. The connections of the pump have been disconnected near the second level and machinists who were called upon declined to risk their lives in repairing the machinery.

Robert Shaw, a third member of the exploring party that found the bodies, told of reading a piece of slate on which one of the victims apparently had checked off the totals of the groups who slumbered upon the ridge in their last stand for life. The writing, as remembered by him, was:

"Thirty-four—136 here now."

Other figures, which were not totalled on the written tally, but hastily computed by Shaw, indicated that the number exceeded 150 when the tally ended.

"I think some of the men had barricaded themselves in pockets in the gallery, but were driven to the ridge by the rising water," said Shaw. "If they had not got out of the pockets they would have been drowned in them."

Shaw also told of an attempt of men to build a barricade at the west end of the ridge to hold back the black damp. The wall was only a few feet high, however, the builders apparently having abandoned the attempt or been overcome by gas before it had afforded them any protection.



CONFERENCE AT WHITE HOUSE

President Consults His Advisers Regarding Number of Problems.

CHANGES IN COMMERCE LAW

Attorney General Wickesham Will Draft Bill that Will Embolden Views of Executive—Greatly Broadens Its Scope.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24.—Forecasting a contemplated horseback ride, because of a snow storm, President Taft devoted the day to a series of important conferences covering the subjects of proposed amendments to the interstate commerce laws, legislation looking to the suppression of the so-called "white slave" traffic, the appointment of a successor to the late Judge Behea of the United States district court at Chicago and the appointment of a new governor of the territory of New Mexico.

The conference with regard to the interstate commerce law changes was the most important the president has had on that subject and it was said that he is practically ready at this time to begin this part of his message to congress.

At the conference were Attorney General Wickesham, Chairman Knapp and Commissioner Lane of the Interstate Commerce Commission, District Attorney E. W. Sims of Chicago, who conducted the government's prosecution in the famous \$25,000, 000 Standard Oil case before Judge Landis, and Representative Mann of Illinois, chairman of the house committee on foreign and interstate commerce.

"White Slave" Problem. With District Attorney Sims and Mr. Mann, the president took up the "white slave" question. Mr. Mann is to introduce a bill on this subject at the coming session of congress. He believes the government can prevent this traffic through the exercise of its power to control interstate and foreign commerce. Mr. Mann believes that the government is the only authority strong enough to cope with this great evil and the bill which he has drafted and in which the president today expressed his deep interest, provides a heavy penalty for the enticement of a woman of air from one place to another for immoral purposes and thereby cause her to go as a passenger over any trans-

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Cook's Records Ready to Send to Copenhagen

Original Data Will Go Before the Scientists in Original Form, Says Secretary.

NEW YORK, Nov. 24.—The records which Dr. Frederick A. Cook, the arctic explorer will submit to the University of Copenhagen in proof of his claim that he reached the North pole on April 21, 1908, are today, in completed form.

Walter Lonsdale, secretary to Dr. Cook, will sail tomorrow on the steamer United States of the Scandinavian line for Copenhagen, taking the records with him.

Mr. Lonsdale said today that Dr. Cook's report contained between 25,000 and 30,000 words.

"I don't think that the general public understands the work that we have been doing," continued Mr. Lonsdale. "It has been said that we were preparing the records. Such a statement is inaccurate. The original records go to the university just as they were made by Dr. Cook in the arctic regions."

Mr. Lonsdale said he expected to reach Copenhagen December 7, and immediately place the records in the hands of the university authorities. "How long the university will take in examining them and in making known its findings, of course, I cannot tell," he continued. "I should assume that it would be possible for the university's announcement to be made by New Year."

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24.—Commander Robert E. Peary announced today that he would not go on the lecture platform.

FRENCH ARE EATING ZEBUS AS BLOW AT BEEF TRUST

Indian Oxen Shipped to Paris and Sold on the Market There.

PARIS, Nov. 24.—The colonial authorities have inaugurated a serious attempt to introduce in the French market the Zebus of Madagascar as a substitute for beef.

The first batch of a dozen carcasses sold in the Paris stalls brought the prices of the highest grade of cattle. Larker shipments are now on the way here.

DOBBINS ASKING NEW TRIAL

Attorneys Allege Misconduct by Attorney General Byers.

NO RIGHT TO APPEAR IN CASE

Undue Influence Exerted Upon Jury as Result—Alleged Errors of Court Set Forth in Motion.

"That the attorneys for the state were guilty of misconduct in the argument to the jury in that they stated to the jury in substance that it was the duty of the jury to find the defendant guilty in defense of the good reputation of the city of Council Bluffs and the county of Pottawattamie is one of the forty-one reasons alleged by counsel for John R. Dobbins why he should be granted a new trial in the district court of Pottawattamie county at Council Bluffs. Dobbins was recently convicted on the charge of larceny of \$4,000 from T. W. Ballew, a banker and lumber king at Princeton, Mo.

The motion in arrest of judgment and for a new trial was filed late yesterday afternoon.

It is further alleged in the motion that Attorney General H. W. Byers was guilty of misconduct in his argument to the jury in giving his reasons for his appearance for the state in that such reasons were not the reasons fixed by law authorizing him to appear as a prosecutor, and that said reasons were presented to the jury for the purpose of influencing the jury to believe that there were charges of official corruption in connection with the defendant, and that it was the duty of the jury to find the defendant guilty in order that there might be a vindication of public officials.

The defense also contends that the court erred in admitting the evidence of the "Mikes" George F. Gastin, W. H. Bedford, John Hernebrecht, G. A. Nelson and George Brown as to other alleged swindling transactions in which Dobbins was not implicated and with which he had no connection.

The instructions of Judge Green to the jury are attacked in twenty-three particulars, and the indictment itself is attacked on the ground of being insufficient and that "the charge as made in the indictment does not charge the defendant with the crime of larceny committed in the manner in which the state claims the same was committed."

No date has as yet been set for arguing the motion of a new trial.

LAW BUILDING AT BOULDER

Gift of Guggenheim to University of Colorado is Dedicated.

BOULDER, Colo., Nov. 24.—The new law building of the University of Colorado, the gift of United States senator Simon Guggenheim, was dedicated with appropriate ceremonies here today. Addresses were made by Governor Shaffroth, Senator Guggenheim, President Baker of the state institution and others. The law building cost \$50,000.

CABLES ARE WORKING AGAIN

Communication with the West Indian Zone is Established Once More.

First Real Winter Storm in the East

New York Will Have Its First "White" Thanksgiving Day for Several Years.

NEW YORK, Nov. 24.—Driving sleet and snow tonight, the first real winter storm of the year, makes it look as if Thanksgiving day would be a "white one," the first in many years.

Despite an alleged scarcity of turkeys and the record prices of 35 to 40 cents a pound, there was no indication that inhabitants of the metropolises intended to fast rather than feast tomorrow. The markets reported that they were well sold out of turkeys, chickens and rabbits—the latter being in unusual demand this year.

Charitable organizations, undaunted by the high prices, have stocked their baskets for the poor as abundantly as ever and have distributed even more thickly.

NORFOLK, Va., Nov. 24.—A severe north-east storm, with heavy wind, swept the Virginia, Carolina and Maryland coasts today. All shipping ready to sail from Hampton Roads was storm bound there. Many coasting schooners caught in the gale off this coast hurried into the roads for shelter.

During the storm the Old Dominion steamer Mobjack and the Baltimore Steam Packet company's steamer Virginia were in collision at the latter's wharf off Town Point. The Mobjack's wheel was smashed. The Virginia's flagstaff was smashed.

BOSTON, Nov. 24.—An early winter storm with a cold, sleety rain on the coast and some snow in the interior reached New England from the south early today. Stiff gales prevailed.

Five Millions for Missions.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Nov. 24.—Announced by the bequest of the late John Stuart Kennedy of New York to the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions would amount to \$5,000,000 instead of \$1,000,000, as had been stated at the time of his death, was made at the Laymen's Missionary convention here today.

OMAHA BALLOON FLIES WELL

Lieutenant Haskell Pilots Dirigible Over Fort.

SHIP SOARS TO DIZZY HEIGHT

Signal Corps Aeronauts Remain in Air Eighteen Minutes and Land Safely—Officers Elated Over Success.

Aerial navigation in the vicinity of Omaha was given market impetus Wednesday afternoon when an army dirigible balloon quartered at Fort Omaha was safely piloted over the grounds by Lieutenant William Haskell and Sergeant Smith of the signal corps.

Soaring gracefully over the fort and encircling the park, attaining at some times a height of 600 feet, the dirigible attracted considerable attention in the vicinity of Fort Omaha and eclipsed all records for flights in this vicinity. It is estimated that the aeronauts traveled ten miles through space during the afternoon trials.

Lieutenant Haskell not only demonstrated his mastery over the dirigible in rising to a dizzy height, but brought the flyer to earth at the starting point near the balloon house. At all times he was in perfect control of the airship.

Three flights were made during the afternoon, the first one at 4:10 o'clock. On the first trip the aeronauts remained in the air eighteen minutes, coming to earth only as a matter of practice. The other flights were of ten and fifteen minutes duration.

"Everything worked splendidly during the trials," said Lieutenant Haskell, when the dirigible was housed for the night.

"We flew through space at a steady gait and at no time did the engine balk or go back on us. During several stretches through the heavens we must have been 500 feet in the air, but our average height was probably 300 feet.

Descent Made Safely. "It was all very simple. We rose easily from the balloon house and on our first flight sailed over Miller park, returning safely to the fort. We came down just as easily as we went up, with the big

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Indian Youth Loses His Nose and Jaw, But Lives

At the Clarkson Memorial hospital is an Indian youth bravely struggling against the effects of a horrible accident. His lower jaw and his nose have been severed from his face by a bullet fired accidentally from a revolver that he was cleaning. Although the victim probably will recover from the effects of the wound he will be disfigured for life.

The interesting feature in the lad's life is the fact that he is a Christian Indian. His name is David Raymond and his home is on the Rosebud Indian reservation in South Dakota. He has affiliated with the church at Turley Hill, Millboro, S. D., and his faith in the Christian religion is believed to have a marked influence upon his desire to live and recover from his unfortunate catastrophe.

Belede his bed during many long hours sits his mother, an Indian squaw. The Indian mother brought her brave son to Omaha on Northwestern train No. 19 and was accompanied by a trained nurse, Mrs. Julia Ramia.

He was taken from the train at Union station in a critical condition with his face in a terribly mangled condition. A jagged wound had been furrowed across his face by the bullet from his revolver. He was hurried to the Clarkson hospital, where everything possible has been done to ease the pain and relieve his suffering.

Floods Tearing Out Bridges, Rivers are Out of Banks

SEATTLE, Nov. 24.—A relief train bearing passengers of Great Northern passenger train No. 3, due in Seattle Monday, arrived last night. The passengers told of the terrible havoc of the floods in the Cascade mountains. Walking nearly a mile, climbing over rocks and temporary foot bridges, they reached the relief train.

Shortly after the arrival of the train a message was received here stating that the railroad bridge over the Skykomish river had gone out. The passengers of three other Great Northern trains are marooned between the Cascade tunnel and Tongue, ninety miles east of here. It is feared damage to the Great Northern is so great that it will take weeks to open the line.

PORTLAND, Nov. 24.—The great storm that has prevailed in the Pacific northwest for two days shows no signs of abating. In eastern Oregon and eastern Washington the rain is of secondary importance to a wind storm, which has caused considerable financial loss. So far as reported, no lives have been lost. No damage to shipping is reported, except the stranding of the schooner Mary Winkelman, near Fort Townsend.

In northwestern Washington, the Sook-suck river, after a temporary fall yesterday, began to rise again. The ranches on the lowlands are flooded and the railroads have lost a number of bridges. Train schedules are demoralized.

Along Puget Sound the streams are all out of their banks and flooding the lowlands and destroying bridges and railroad tracks. The Great Northern railroad, which crosses the Cascades east of Everett, is tied up, several trains being stalled in the mountains.

In the Grays Harbor country the greatest loss has been to life, one raft alone, valued at \$200,000, being swept out to sea.

Along the bank of the Columbia river land slides have put the railroads out of business temporarily.

In the Willamette valley, rivers are torrential.

THANKSGIVING FOR ALL OMAHA

Various Forms of Observance Will Be Followed, but Everyone May Share Blessings.

CHURCHES WILL HOLD SERVICES

Charitable Societies Will Extend Bounties to the Unfortunate.

EVEN PRISONS WILL FEEL CHEER

St. Joseph and Omaha High School Footballists Meet.

GAME AT VINTON STREET PARK

Interstate Shooting Tournament at Benson Gun Club and Theaters Will Afford Pleasure for Many Folk.

PROGRAM OF THE DAY.

Football, Vinton Park—Omaha High school vs. Topexa High school. "A Gentleman from Mississippi," the Boyd. "The Girl in the Grandstand," the Burwood. "The Time, the Place and the Girl," the Krug. Vaudeville—The Orphan. Interstate gun tournament, Benson Gun club. Special church services. Postoffice general delivery open to 10:30 a. m. and 6 to 7 p. m. Regular morning carrier deliveries. Collections of mail same as Sundays.

Everybody in Omaha will have a Thanksgiving day if he will but take advantage of the opportunities offered. The business houses, offices and public institutions generally will be closed to allow employes and employees to observe the day.

Special services are to be held in many of the churches. Some of the churches have joined in holding Thanksgiving services in certain districts.

The Young Men's Christian association will give a dinner to the young men of the city who are away from home. The Young Men's Christian association proposes to make those so situated forget their inability to eat Thanksgiving dinner at home so far as possible.

Open house will be kept all day at the Young Women's Christian association. There will be gymnastic events in the morning and at 4 o'clock a basket ball game. A musicale will be given at 3 o'clock. Thanksgiving day dinner is announced for 1:30 o'clock.

The poor have not been neglected and the charitable institutions of the city have all made provisions for their charges. The Voluntary of America are distributing baskets filled with provisions for the holiday dinner and the Salvation Army is conducting a similar program.

The prisoners in the city and county jails will have turkey for dinner as a token that though they may be naughty they are not forgotten Americans.

Special programs and menus will make the inmates of the hospitals as happy as environment and health will permit.

The one athletic event of the day, above others, will be the game between the Omaha and Topexa high schools at Vinton street park. The Benson Gun club will have on hand the interstate gun tournament.

Play at Parochial School. The pupils of St. Joseph's parochial school, Seventeenth and Center streets, are to repeat their amateur theatricals recently given, on the afternoon of Thanksgiving day. "Kathleen" will be given in German, while "Kathleen" will be presented in English. The entertainment will begin at 3 o'clock.

At 7 o'clock in the evening a Thanksgiving dinner will be served at the People's church to all who have not had the pleasure of the holiday dinner elsewhere.

The Holy Communion will be administered at all saints' church at 10:30 o'clock in the morning, and an address will be made by Rev. T. J. Mackay, rector. The First Christian Church of the Knott Memorial and First Baptist churches will unite in giving services at 10:30 o'clock at the First Baptist, Twenty-ninth avenue and Harney street. Rev. J. M. Kersey, pastor of the First Christian church will preach. The choir of the First Baptist church will have charge of the musical program. Services will be held by the First Christian Science church at Chambers Dancing academy, Twenty-fifth and Farnam streets, at 11 o'clock in the morning. Rev. James McGee of Marshalltown, Ia., will preach in the evening at Calvary Baptist church.

The German Free Evangelical church, Twelfth and Decora streets, will render a Thanksgiving program at 10:30 o'clock a. m., with an address by the Rev. F. H. W. Bruecher.

Other Churches Unite. The North Presbyterian, Emmanuel Baptist, First United Presbyterian, North Side Christian, Trinity Methodist, United Brethren and Plymouth Congregational churches will unite in 11 o'clock services at Fly-mouth church. Rev. P. H. McDowell of Emmanuel Baptist, will preach the sermon and prayer will be offered for the Old People's home.

The services of the six churches in the Hanson park district will be held in the Grace Lutheran church, South Twenty-sixth street, between Poppleton and Woolworth avenues, at 11 a. m. Rev. L. O. Baird will preach the sermon. The offering will be for the Old People's home.

Thursday the city hall will be closed all day, and the elevators will be shut down, to allow the operators to get to the first table.

The families of about seventy-five employes of the John Deere Plow company will eat Thanksgiving day turkey at the

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